

Halloween: Costumes and Fun

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BEFORE YOU READ

Talk with a partner. Do people wear costumes in your country? When?

1. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1. costume | _____ | A. sweet food |
| 2. pumpkin | _____ | B. clothes that make you look like another person |
| 3. mask | _____ | C. a time when people meet for fun |
| 4. candy | _____ | D. a large orange vegetable |
| 5. scary | _____ | E. making you feel afraid |
| 6. party | _____ | F. something you wear on your face |

2. Read the article. The bold words are the vocabulary from Activity 1.

- Halloween is on 31 October. It is popular in the United States, Canada, Ireland and the UK. People in other countries enjoy it too.
- Children and adults may wear a **costume**. They can look like a film character, an animal or a monster. Some people wear a **mask** on their face.
- A **pumpkin** is a common Halloween decoration. People cut a face into it and put a light inside. It can look **scary** at night.
- Children may go to a **party** or ask neighbours for **candy**. Halloween is usually a fun time with friends, costumes and games.

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UNDERSTAND, DISCUSS AND WRITE

3. Comprehension. Answer in complete sentences. Use the article to help you.

1. When is Halloween?

2. Who may wear a costume?

3. What can people cut into a pumpkin?

4. Why can a pumpkin look scary?

5. What may children ask neighbours for?

4. Discuss. Talk in small groups. Give reasons and examples.

- What costume would you like to wear?
- Do you like scary films?
- What games are good for a party?
- Is Halloween popular where you live?

5. Homework: Write a short paragraph.

Write 5-6 sentences about a party you enjoyed or would like to have.

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ANSWER KEY AND TEACHING NOTE

Vocabulary matching

1. costume - B
2. pumpkin - D
3. mask - F
4. candy - A
5. scary - E
6. party - C

Comprehension answers

1. When is Halloween?

It is on 31 October.

2. Who may wear a costume?

Children and adults may wear one.

3. What can people cut into a pumpkin?

They can cut a face into it.

4. Why can a pumpkin look scary?

It can have a light inside at night.

5. What may children ask neighbours for?

They may ask for candy.

Teaching note

Compare matching answers before reading. Accept other article-supported comprehension answers; discussion and homework answers vary. Discuss customs respectfully, distinguishing religious, cultural and personal traditions.